

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 17-06**

**Willkie Farr & Gallagher, LLP Attorneys Eligible for Receiving *Pro Bono* Appointments**

**WHEREAS**, the Superior Court appoints attorneys in criminal cases for indigent defendants, and the Court may appoint any qualified attorney who agrees to undertake the representation of a defendant *pro bono*; SCR-Criminal 44-I, Plan for Furnishing Representation to Indigents Under the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act, § II(A)(2); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between the Superior Court for the District of Columbia and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS), PDS collects the applications of firms and individual attorneys seeking *pro bono* appointments in criminal and delinquency cases, reviews those applications, and provides the Superior Court with a recommendation regarding the suitability of the firm or attorney for appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, PDS has recommended the attorneys listed below from the firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher, LLP who have completed the two-week Annual Trial Skills Program Training hosted by the firm of Arnold & Porter, LLP, be permitted to receive appointments to serious misdemeanor and low-level felony adult cases *pro bono*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court has reviewed the firm's application and found Willkie Farr & Gallagher, LLP to be suitable for appointment in serious misdemeanor and low-level felony adult cases;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY,**

**ORDERED**, that the following attorneys from Willkie Farr & Gallagher, LLP be permitted, at the discretion of the appointing judge or magistrate judge, to receive appointments from the Superior Court's Misdemeanor and Felony II adult cases *pro bono*:

Robert Meyer, Esq. (supervising partner)  
Andrew English, Esq. (associate)  
Kristian Hinson, Esq. (associate)  
Douglas Penrose, Esq. (associate)  
Christina Perpignano, Esq. (associate)  
Meredith Ruggles, Esq. (associate)

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**

Date: March 21, 2017



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Robert E. Morin, Chief Judge

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